

Sandfoss, Kristina

From: Petrole, Maryann
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:19 AM
To: Jefferson, Gayle; Baker, Philip; Morina, Lenée; Stewart, Neil
Cc: Ovalle, Art
Subject: Big issue with water fountains on 3 and 4 oozing black, perhaps sewer crud BSD was called

Importance: High

Apparently there are workers on the 4th floor – maybe addressing a sewer problem which is resulting in stuff coming up to 3rd floor.

M

Maryann Petrole, Deputy Director
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Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:28 AM
To: Showman, John; Jefferson, Gayle; Noga, Vaughn; Blankenship, Steven
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Sandfoss, Kristina

From: Baker, Philip
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:34 AM
To: Jefferson, Gayle
Subject: Facility Update

John Showman wants something sent out about the water line back up in the North building.

There is a water line back up in the William Jefferson Clinton North Building that is causing the hallway water fountains to leak throughout the building in the 400 and 500 Corridors. GSA is working this issue right now. There is no estimated time for resolution.

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 8:34 AM
To: Noga, Vaughn; Cooper, Marian; Petrole, Maryann; Baker, Philip
Cc: Showman, John; Bell, Matthew
Subject: RE: is the sewage situation fully resolved? some staff are asking thanks ng

Thanks

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From: Noga, Vaughn
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 8:22 AM
To: Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>; Petrole, Maryann <Petrole.Maryann@epa.gov>; Baker, Philip <baker.philip@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Bell, Matthew <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: is the sewage situation fully resolved? some staff are asking thanks ng

When we meet with GSA later this AM we will have an update on next steps. They were working last night. Any additional work will be done on off-hours.

Please note, this is a GSA building. Any inquiries about the mechanical/sewage issues should be answered by GSA. EPA has no control or responsibility for the mechanical systems in Non-EPA control properties.

From: Cooper, Marian
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 8:19 AM
To: Noga, Vaughn <Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV>; Petrole, Maryann <Petrole.Maryann@epa.gov>; Baker, Philip <baker.philip@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Bell, Matthew <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: is the sewage situation fully resolved? some staff are asking thanks ng

Please see Nancy's question. Thanks

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William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building-NORTH (3330)
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From: Grantham, Nancy

Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 8:13 AM

To: Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>; Ovalle, Art <Ovalle.Arturo@epa.gov>

Subject: is the sewage situation fully resolved? some staff are asking thanks ng

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From: Johnson, Dennis
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:43 AM
To: Ovalle, Art
Subject: current odor from work on 5th floor at WJC North

Hi Art,

Was just getting ready to send the message below and got word you are preparing to send a message to everyone.

Thanks – appreciate your diligence. No need to reply directly.

Dennis

Hi Art,

Just wanted you to know we currently have a really strong sewage smell at the 5400 & 5500 corridors in WJC North from the work on the water fountain at that corner. (This is the Pennsylvania Avenue & 12 street corner of the building.) People are starting to make some noise about the smell.

I asked the guys if they would be cleaning up soon because people are going to be bothered by the smell, and they said they didn't know how long it would be....

I really appreciate your efforts to get these things fixed, but if there is anything that can be done, we would appreciate it.

Dennis Johnson
WJCN 5512DD
202-343-9278

Sandfoss, Kristina

From: Lee, Treiva
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:47 AM
To: Ovalle, Art; Baker, Philip; Collard, Erin; Jefferson, Gayle; Stewart, Neil
Subject: Urgent Tickets
Attachments: PR_TL-79526-1214.pdf; PR_TL-79527-1214 (1).pdf

Hello all,

Please be advised that ticket number 79257 may be the cause of 79526

Have a great day.

Treiva Lee
Building Services Helpdesk Contractor
OARM-OA-FMSD
Environmental Protection Agency
Phone: 202-564-2100
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Ticket Details

Ticket Number: TL-79527-1214

BSD Operator: Lee , Treiva

Building: William
Jefferson
Clinton North
Building

Problem Type: Plumbing

Problem Sub-Type: TOILETS

Other:

Ticket Title: Toilet Backed UP

Detail Location:

Floor ID:

Room Number: 6419

Facility Manager: Harris Phyllis

Priority: Urgent

Status: In Progress

Was the Call received After Hours: No

Problem Description/Action

Room: 6419 Issue: Restroom is Backed Up Location:WJCN
[Treiva Lee on 12/14/2017 08:24:34 AM]

Write your comments here**Requester Information**

Name: STREET , RENEE

Phone: 202-564-7176

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Ticket Details

Ticket Number: TL-79526-1214

BSD Operator: Lee , Treiva

Building: William
Jefferson
Clinton North
Building

Problem Type: Plumbing

Problem Sub-Type: OTHER

Floor ID:

Room Number: 2500

Other: Black Foul Substance on the Floor and
Smeling really bad

Facility Manager: Harris Phyllis

Ticket Title: Black Foul Substance on the Floor

Priority: Urgent

Detail Location:

Status: In Progress

Was the Call received After Hours: No

Problem Description/Action

Room: 2500 Issue: Black foul substance is on the floor and smells really bad Location: WJCN
[Treiva Lee on 12/14/2017 08:21:21 AM]

Write your comments here**Requester Information**

Name: JONES , CELESTE

Phone: 202-564-2644

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From: Ovalle, Art
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:51 AM
To: Baker, Philip
Cc: Stewart, Neil; Jefferson, Gayle; Collard, Erin
Subject: Re: Did you hear about the sewage problem on the 3500 side of the building

Here now.

Art Ovalle
Building Manager

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On Dec 14, 2017, at 8:47 AM, Baker, Philip <baker.philip@epa.gov> wrote:

Art,

Can you go and brief Steve and Vaughn on this?

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From: Blankenship, Steven
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:41 AM
To: Baker, Philip <baker.philip@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Did you hear about the sewage problem on the 3500 side of the building

Phil.. can you come give us an update when you get a handle on what is going on and what is being done to fix the problem? Thanks.

Steve Blankenship
Chief of Staff
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W: 202/564-6905

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To: Jefferson, Gayle
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Subject: Re: is the sewage situation fully resolved? some staff are asking thanks ng

Thx

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 15, 2017, at 8:48 AM, Jefferson, Gayle <Jefferson.Gayle@epa.gov> wrote:

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Nancy:

The issues were resolved last evening.

Gayle

Gayle L. Jefferson

Director

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From: Baker, Philip

Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 8:47 AM

To: Jefferson, Gayle <Jefferson.Gayle@epa.gov>

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From: HQ_Facilities_Updates
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:58 AM
To: All HQ Employees
Subject: Facilities update

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From: Noga, Vaughn
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 9:04 AM
To: Showman, John
Subject: Re: Warning: Sludge in the 2501 WJCN corner water fountain

I am meeting with GSA. We don't know at this time whether or not it is a quick fix. I will send you a note once I meet with GSA

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 14, 2017, at 9:02 AM, Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov> wrote:

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Flynn, Mike" <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>
Date: December 14, 2017 at 8:58:31 AM EST
To: "Showman, John" <Showman.John@epa.gov>
Cc: "Jackson, Ryan" <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>, "Vizian, Donna" <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Warning: Sludge in the 2501 WJCN corner water fountain

John, can you get a sense of whether this is a quick fix or something that will take awhile so we can tell folks what to do

Mike Flynn
Acting Deputy Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
(202) 564- 4711

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 14, 2017, at 8:51 AM, Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov> wrote:

YEs --- Facilities and GSA are working on it now ... It started on the upper floors and they have to snake each floor.

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:38 AM
To: Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Warning: Sludge in the 2501 WJCN corner water fountain

Just wanted to ensure that whomever grounds or facilities people knew there poo in the water fountains.

Ryan Jackson
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U.S. EPA
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bolen, Brittany" <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>
Date: December 14, 2017 at 8:34:51 AM EST
To: "Jackson, Ryan" <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Warning: Sludge in the 2501 WJCN corner water fountain

Be glad you're on other side of the building!

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kime, Robin"
<Kime.Robin@epa.gov>
Date: December 14, 2017 at 8:27:08 AM EST
To: "Dravis, Samantha" <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>, "Bolen, Brittany" <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>, "Lovell, Will (William)" <lovell.william@epa.gov>, "Letendre, Daisy" <letendre.daisy@epa.gov>, "Inge, Carolyn" <Inge.Carolyn@epa.gov>, "Irving, Verna" <Irving.Verna@epa.gov>, "Feeley, Drew (Robert)" <Feeley.Drew@epa.gov>, "Nickerson, William" <Nickerson.William@epa.gov>, "Owens, Nicole" <Owens.Nicole@epa.gov>
Subject: Warning: Sludge in the 2501 WJCN corner water fountain

Facilities is aware that there is sewage overflowing from the water fountains one every floor of WJCN in one spot- right at the corner near Samantha's office near 3500 WJCN. The smell is overwhelming. I'm encouraging folks to get out and if they are able, take their workstations elsewhere. It is

not possible to work near the smell and will likely take a while to fix. I'll let you know of any updates.

And good morning to you ☺

From: Ovalle, Art
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017
8:20 AM
To: Kime, Robin
<Kime.Robin@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Sludge in the 2501 WJCN
corner water fountain

Hi Robin,

Yes, it's actually every floor.

Thanks.

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On Dec 14, 2017, at 8:18 AM, Kime,
Robin <Kime.Robin@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi
I'm sure you've gotten
word, there is sewage
all over the floor
coming from the
drinking fountain in
2501 bay WJCN – a
huge stench and mess.
Can you help me figure
out what to tell folks
about how long it will
be until it is fixed? Thx

Robin
Cell- 202-345-3544

Sandfoss, Kristina

From: Wooden-Aguilar, Helena
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 9:22 AM
To: Shaw, Betsy; Bloom, David; Bolen, Brittany; Kime, Robin; Grantham, Nancy; Richardson, RobinH; Flynn, Mike; Lawrence, Tanya; Minoli, Kevin; Packard, Elise
Cc: Vizian, Donna; Showman, John; Jackson, Ryan; Darwin, Henry; Noga, Vaughn
Subject: Fwd: Facilities update

Hello All-

As you are aware there is a sewage overflow on all floors in the WJC north building. Facilities are assessing the situation and are working the issue.

We know this is effecting (e.g. smell) some of employees work space in the building. Depending on the conditions you may have employees telework or move to another workspace as needed. We will keep you updated as new developments occur.

Happy Thursday and let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Helena

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From: Lee, Treiva
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 9:46 AM
To: Ovalle, Art; Baker, Philip; Collard, Erin; Jefferson, Gayle; Stewart, Neil
Cc: Murray, Cheryl
Subject: Urgent Running Fountain won't drain
Attachments: PR_TL-79619-1218.pdf

Treiva Lee
Building Services Helpdesk Contractor
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Ticket Details

Ticket Number:	TL-79619-1218		
BSD Operator:	Lee , Treiva	Building:	William Jefferson Clinton East Building
Problem Type:	Plumbing	Floor ID:	
Problem Sub-Type:	WATER FOUNTAINS	Room Number:	3407
Other:		Facility Manager:	Murray Cheryl
Ticket Title:	Running Fountain	Priority:	Urgent
Detail Location:		Status:	In Progress
Was the Call received After Hours: No			

Problem Description/Action

Near Room 3407 Issue: Running water fountain will not drain or turn off. Location WJCE
[Treiva Lee on 12/18/2017 09:44:14 AM]

Write your comments here**Requester Information**

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Sandfoss, Kristina

From: Jefferson, Gayle
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 10:10 AM
To: Noga, Vaughn
Subject: FW: Fountain Back up (Update)

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From: Lorento Neequaye - WPM1D [mailto:lorento.neequaye@gsa.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 9:36 AM
To: Ovalle, Art <Ovalle.Arturo@epa.gov>
Cc: Shawn Proctor - WPM1D <shawn.proctor@gsa.gov>; Jefferson, Gayle <Jefferson.Gayle@epa.gov>; Stewart, Neil <Stewart.Neil@epa.gov>; stephen.waddy@gsa.gov
Subject: Re: Fountain Back up (Update)

Good Morning,

GSA Safety provided feedback this morning. Although the Fountains are currently shut off in the tiers affected yesterday, we will conduct repeated flushing of them after hours as was done last night and are working with GSA Safety to have a third party source visit the facility and conduct testing of the water fountains. (Understanding the future intentions are to keep them off and cover them to prevent use) In addition, Chimes will conduct disinfectant cleaning again tonight in the affected corridors.

Regards,

On Thu, Dec 14, 2017 at 9:28 PM, Ovalle, Art <Ovalle.Arturo@epa.gov> wrote:

Good news Lorento, thanks for the update.

Art Ovalle

Building Manager

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From: Shawn Proctor - WPM1D [mailto:shawn.proctor@gsa.gov]

Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 9:14 PM

To: Lorento Neequaye - WPM1D <lorento.neequaye@gsa.gov>

Cc: Jefferson, Gayle <Jefferson.Gayle@epa.gov>; Stewart, Neil <Stewart.Neil@epa.gov>; Ovalle, Art <Ovalle.Arturo@epa.gov>; stephen.waddy@gsa.gov

Subject: Re: Fountain Back up (Update)

Thanks so much.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 14, 2017, at 9:12 PM, Lorento Neequaye - WPM1D <lorento.neequaye@gsa.gov> wrote:

Good Evening,

I received confirmation from the facilities plumber who returned to the facility this evening to continue unclogging efforts with the aid of the night engineer. He was able to fully snake the clog through to the basement main pipe located in the B-300 corridor of the North Building. The engineers have also water tested and believe we are "clear" of this unfortunate blockage occurrence today. In addition Chimes reported to the basement to conduct clean up efforts after work was completed. As it stands, there is no need to cut holes in the walls. We will nonetheless continue to monitor the work conducted tonight to ensure it holds.

Regards,



Lorento N. Neequaye

Supervisory Facilities Manager - EPA Headquarters

National Capital Region | Triangle Service Center (WPM1D)

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Sandfoss, Kristina

From: Noga, Vaughn
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 10:15 AM
To: Vizian, Donna
Subject: Re: December 14 -- E&E News PM is ready

Everything is a story

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 15, 2017, at 9:57 AM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

I just can't believe a plumbing problem is a story

On Dec 15, 2017, at 3:10 AM, Noga, Vaughn <Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV> wrote:

Great - guess it doesn't matter that it is a GSA building!

Sent from my iPhone


On Dec 14, 2017, at 6:47 PM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

Check out #4

Begin forwarded message:


From: E&E News <eealerts@eenews.net>
Date: December 14, 2017 at 4:46:54 PM EST
To: <vizian.donna@epa.gov>
Subject: December 14 -- E&E News PM is ready

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Barrasso asks EPA to ditch groundwater monitoring rule

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'There's sewage covering the floors' at headquarters

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Group launches \$1M ad campaign aimed at 3 Republicans

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UPCOMING HEARINGS AND MARKUPS

10. CALENDAR:

Activity for December 11 - December 17, 2017

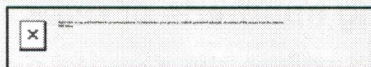
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From: Cooper, Marian
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 10:20 AM
To: Noga, Vaughn <Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV>
Cc: Jefferson, Gayle <Jefferson.Gayle@epa.gov>; Baker, Philip <baker.philip@epa.gov>; Blankenship, Steven <Blankenship.Steven@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Bell, Matthew <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: is the sewage situation fully resolved? some staff are asking thanks ng

Copying Nancy who can share more details.

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From: Noga, Vaughn
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 10:13 AM
To: Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>
Cc: Jefferson, Gayle <Jefferson.Gayle@epa.gov>; Baker, Philip <baker.philip@epa.gov>; Blankenship, Steven <Blankenship.Steven@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>;

Bell, Matthew <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: is the sewage situation fully resolved? some staff are asking thanks ng

Marian,

Not sure who you are talking to. I visited the affected area on the 2nd floor this AM and spoke to some folks in Nena's office. There is no sewage smell, the smell is the disinfectant. I will be sending a note to Nancy and Nena in a few minutes with the resolution.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 15, 2017, at 10:08 AM, Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov> wrote:

Gayle – we are still receiving complaints of the smell from employees on the 2nd floor.

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From: Jefferson, Gayle

Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 8:48 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>

Cc: Baker, Philip <baker.philip@epa.gov>; Noga, Vaughn <Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV>; Blankenship, Steven <Blankenship.Steven@epa.gov>; Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: is the sewage situation fully resolved? some staff are asking thanks ng

Nancy:

The issues were resolved last evening.

Gayle

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Sandfoss, Kristina

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 10:46 AM
To: Noga, Vaughn; Shaw, Nena
Cc: Vizian, Donna; Showman, John; Jefferson, Gayle; Cooper, Marian; Blankenship, Steven; Petrole, Maryann
Subject: RE: WJC-North Plumbing Follow-up

thanks

Nancy Grantham
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From: Noga, Vaughn
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 10:41 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Shaw, Nena <Shaw.Nena@epa.gov>
Cc: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Jefferson, Gayle <Jefferson.Gayle@epa.gov>; Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>; Blankenship, Steven <Blankenship.Steven@epa.gov>; Petrole, Maryann <Petrole.Maryann@epa.gov>
Subject: WJC-North Plumbing Follow-up

Nancy/Nena,

Just a quick note to let you know where we are with the plumbing issues that occurred yesterday morning. GSA was able to fully snake the clog through to the basement main pipe located in the B-300 corridor of the North Building – clearing the blockage. GSA will continue to monitor the areas to ensure that the remediation activities fully address the issue. As a result of that activity, there will be no need for them to perform any additional maintenance this weekend.

All the areas have been cleaned and disinfected. So, while the previous odor associated with the sewage is now gone, it has been replaced by (in some areas) a strong disinfectant odor. This should abate throughout the day. The GSA custodial contractor will do another round of disinfectant cleaning tonight in the affected corridors, and we expect that by Mon. morning when people return to work that the disinfectant smell in those areas should not be as pronounced as they were today.

As far as the fountains are concerned, they have been shut off in the affected areas. We will be working with GSA to determine how best to address future use of those fountains.

Thank you
Vaughn

Vaughn Noga
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Sandfoss, Kristina

From: Sharpe, Kristinn
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 11:17 AM
To: Wilson, SeVera; Ovalle, Art
Cc: Derkasch, Patricia; Shaw, Nena
Subject: Re: Requesting your personal assistance: Building Service Desk Ticket Number: TL-79482-1213

Hi SeVera and Art,

I want to ensure you know that although the ticket I was assigned yesterday morning was classified as "routine," and the gentlemen from facilities said yesterday afternoon they did not smell sewage ("but maybe it was a dead animal"), today it is very clearly an emergency with black crud seeping across our work area.

Thank you for anything you can do to ensure this recurring, disgusting public health issue is actually resolved. I would very much appreciate being moved to a clean office.

Sincerely,
Kristinn

Kristinn Sharpe
US EPA Smart Sectors Liaison
202-343-9062

On Dec 13, 2017, at 11:49 AM, Wilson, SeVera <Wilson.SeVera@epa.gov> wrote:

Good Morning. I am getting GSA involve with this issue immediately.

From: Shaw, Nena
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:43 AM
To: Derkasch, Patricia <Derkasch.Patricia@epa.gov>; Wilson, SeVera <Wilson.SeVera@epa.gov>
Cc: Rogers, Barbara <Rogers.Barbara@epa.gov>; Corona, Elizabeth <Corona.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Sharpe, Kristinn <Sharpe.Kristinn@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Requesting your personal assistance: Building Service Desk Ticket Number: TL-79482-1213

Thanks Tricia – I will add my voice to this issue as well. It is unacceptable on many levels to have this issue. If it is not resolved in short order, we will elevate the issue. Thanks. Nena

From: Derkasch, Patricia
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:38 AM
To: Wilson, SeVera <Wilson.SeVera@epa.gov>
Cc: Rogers, Barbara <Rogers.Barbara@epa.gov>; Corona, Elizabeth <Corona.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Shaw, Nena <Shaw.Nena@epa.gov>; Sharpe, Kristinn <Sharpe.Kristinn@epa.gov>
Subject: Requesting your personal assistance: Building Service Desk Ticket Number: TL-79482-1213
Importance: High

Hi SeVera—

I hope all is well with you. Would you please elevate the issue/incident cited below and help expedite a *permanent* solution for us? It has been a recurrent and pervasive problem since we moved to this space in July, 2016.

The odor has reached the point that it has made some of us sick to our stomachs, seek out alternative work place locations/arrangements on days when the odor is unbearable and has been generally disruptive—and quite frankly embarrassing, to our daily operations—which often include on site meetings with EPA partners and stakeholders. Personally, I get so grossed out by the odor I can't eat my lunch at my desk, lose my appetite and sometimes get nauseous.

Thank you in advance for helping us with this issue. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Tricia

Patricia (Tricia) E. Derkasch
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Office of Policy – Operations Staff

WJC-North Room 2501 I (MC: 1104A)

Phone Number: 202.566.2949

From: Sharpe, Kristinn

Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 10:58 AM

To: Derkasch, Patricia <Derkasch.Patricia@epa.gov>; Rogers, Barbara <Rogers.Barbara@epa.gov>;
Corona, Elizabeth <Corona.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Shaw, Nena <Shaw.Nena@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Building Service Desk Ticket Number: TL-79482-1213

I just put in a ticket with facilities and told them they really need to get to the root of the problem.

From: BSDAdmin@reagn.epa.gov [mailto:BSDAdmin@reagn.epa.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 10:54 AM

To: Sharpe, Kristinn <Sharpe.Kristinn@epa.gov>; Harris.PhyllisA@epa.gov;
ariel.rios.service.desk@gsa.gov; aniko.dickerson@gsa.gov

Subject: Building Service Desk Ticket Number: TL-79482-1213

***** Please don't respond to this
email*****

Dear SHARPE , KRSTINN,

Routine calls are classified as other than emergency or urgent situations that occur during work hours. Examples of routine situations include blown light bulbs, HVAC problems, and toilet malfunctions. Typical response time range is within 4 - 8 hours.

Priority: Routine

Ticket Status: In Progress

Requestor Name: SHARPE , KRSTINN

Requestor Phone Number: 2023439062

BSD Ticket Number: TL-79482-1213

Problem: Air Quality

Problem Description: Room:2501H Issue: Bad Odor smelling like sewer. This is an ongoing issue for about 6 months now. Location: wjcn[Treiva Lee on 12/13/2017 10:53:24 AM]

Building: William Jefferson Clinton North Building

Room Number: 2501H

Detail Location:

Please note that these response times are estimates only. Because EPA HQ facilities in the Federal Triangle complex are GSA-leased, response to types of the service calls outlined above is the responsibility of GSA. The EPA Facilities staff will do its best to facilitate a timely and helpful response to your calls.

Sincerely,

Building Service Desk Staff

Sandfoss, Kristina

From: Jefferson, Gayle
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 1:21 PM
To: Collard, Erin
Subject: RE: Monday

Not yet 😊

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From: Collard, Erin
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 1:14 PM
To: Jefferson, Gayle <Jefferson.Gayle@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Monday

Yes I heard from Art and helped Phil get the update out. Wonder if it put a damper on the OARM holiday party?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 14, 2017, at 12:56 PM, Jefferson, Gayle <Jefferson.Gayle@epa.gov> wrote:

Great.
We have a sewage backup in North today – a literal s- - - show!
Happy Thursday.
G

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From: Collard, Erin
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 12:53 PM
To: Jefferson, Gayle <Jefferson.Gayle@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Monday

Yes, I am here. 😊

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 14, 2017, at 12:51 PM, Jefferson, Gayle <Jefferson.Gayle@epa.gov> wrote:

You are here Monday, right? Lenee and Neil are both on leave & I may need to handle some issues (b) (6) – but only if you'll be in the office.

G

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Sandfoss, Kristina

From: Ovalle, Art
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 4:26 PM
To: Kime, Robin
Subject: Re: Sludge in the 2501 WJCN corner water fountain

I really appreciate you saying that!

Art Ovalle
Building Manager

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On Dec 14, 2017, at 4:17 PM, Kime, Robin <Kime.Robin@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey
Thank you so much for all you do, please know it is appreciated!

From: Ovalle, Art
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 4:10 PM
To: Kime, Robin <Kime.Robin@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Sludge in the 2501 WJCN corner water fountain

You're welcome! Crazy crazy...

Art Ovalle
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On Dec 14, 2017, at 4:08 PM, Kime, Robin <Kime.Robin@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you for today!

From: Ovalle, Art
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:20 AM
To: Kime, Robin <Kime.Robin@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Sludge in the 2501 WJCN corner water fountain

Hi Robin,

Yes, it's actually every floor.

Thanks.

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On Dec 14, 2017, at 8:18 AM, Kime, Robin <Kime.Robin@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi

I'm sure you've gotten word, there is sewage all over the floor coming from the drinking fountain in 2501 bay WJCN – a huge stench and mess. Can you help me figure out what to tell folks about how long it will be until it is fixed? Thx

Robin
Cell- 202-345-3544